



City of Mountain View Newsletter

Find your City of Mountain View
Recreation Brochure, and
The Resource inside!

Volume 12, Number 2



Downtown Parking Structure Design Approved

At its October 12 meeting, the City Council approved the preliminary design of a parking structure to be constructed at the northeast corner of California and Bryant Streets. The structure will include 14,000 square feet of ground floor retail space, and approximately 400 parking spaces.

The design features window-like openings with metal work designed to be compatible with the look of neighboring buildings and avoid the appearance of a traditional parking structure. The City is seeking a tenant for the first floor retail space.

The Council also approved electricity-generating solar panels in the design of the parking structure. The panels will be mounted on the roof of the structure, and will generate much of the electricity needed to operate lights, elevators, and other equipment in the building.

Construction is expected to begin during summer, 2005 and be complete in fall 2006. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

Unofficial Election Results

As this issue of *The View* was going to print, final results for the Mountain View City Council election were not available from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. With a small number of absentee and provisional ballots yet to be counted, the top four vote recipients were Matt Pear, Nick Galiotto, Laura Macias and Tom Means. Final election results will be posted on the City's website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us once they are available, or call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 for more information.

Councilmembers will take their oaths of office on January 4, 2005.

Senior Center Update

Preparations are underway to start construction of a new 25,000 sq. ft. Senior Center this summer. The new Senior Center will be a single-story, lodge-style building that wraps around a central courtyard. Building features will include a social hall with gas fireplaces and seating capacity for 200 people and a full kitchen for the senior nutrition program and other events. The social hall will be available for public rental. In addition, there will be rooms for arts and crafts, games, exercise, dance, and computer classes. Two multipurpose rooms are also included for other activities.



The City Council has approved an enhanced structural design for a new Senior Center building that will enable the City to use the building as an emergency shelter in the event of an earthquake or other disaster.

The new Senior Center will be constructed on the same site as the old Senior Center at 266 Escuela Avenue, which has been demolished. All existing senior programs are continuing in the interim facility during construction, including the noontime senior nutrition program.

Construction of the new Senior Center facility is expected to be complete by the end of 2006. Construction on a senior day health care facility that will be located next to the new Senior Center is scheduled to begin in January 2005 by Avenidas, a non-profit organization that provides senior services. The separate senior day health care facility will operate under a 40-year lease plan with the City, with all operating costs borne by Avenidas. The Avenidas facility will provide daytime care for seniors who require assistance, complementing the services provided by Mountain View's Senior Center. Construction is expected to be complete in August 2005.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

Annual Tree Lighting Celebration



Come celebrate the holidays with your friends and family at the Mountain View Tree Lighting Celebration on Monday, December 6, 2004, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street. This annual, free event features live holiday music, refreshments, holiday lights and a chance for

children to have their picture taken with Santa. In the spirit of the season, everyone is encouraged to bring a can of food to help build the giving tree, which benefits the Community Services Agency.

For more information, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 2 Highway 101 Improvements Update
- 3 Hetch Hetchy Trail Open
- 4 Flood Protection Information
- 5 Plant a Tree for Arbor Day
- 6 Volunteer News
- 7 Calendar
- 8 Center for the Performing Arts Schedule

THE VIEW

The View newsletter is published three times a year (March, September and December) by the City of Mountain View.

The View is delivered by bulk mail to every residential address and many businesses in Mountain View.

Mountain View City Council

Mayor: Matt Pear
Vice-Mayor: Matt Neely

Councilmembers:

Nick Galiotto
R. Michael Kasperzak, Jr.
Greg Perry
Rosemary Stasek
Mary Lou Zoglin

Kevin Duggan, City Manager

The View office:
Mountain View City Hall,
500 Castro St., Third floor

Mailing address:
P.O. Box 395
Mountain View, CA 94039

Telephone: (650) 903-6301

City web page:
www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or
www.mountainview.gov

A limited supply of extra copies of *The View* is available at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, and the Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue.

The View is printed on 40% post-consumer recycled paper.

City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



Review of Mayfield Site Underway

In November, the City's Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) began reviewing alternatives for the possible redevelopment of the 27-acre former Hewlett Packard/Mayfield Mall site at the corner of Central Expressway and San Antonio Road. Hewlett Packard vacated the buildings in 2002.

The EPC will be recommending alternatives to be studied in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). One of the alternatives will be the developer's proposed project that includes approximately 650 housing units. Other potential alternatives will be housing options, some of which may also include a retail component. The alternatives will also include different options for the location and size of a public park that would be a part of the new development, as well as different street configurations. One potential alternative to be studied will be keeping the property zoned as it is now for office use.

In July and September there were two community meetings where residents provided input regarding the size and location of the park, street layout of the development, and the types and density of proposed housing.

In January, the City Council is expected to select four or five alternative plans for further study. A new Precise Plan would also be prepared as a part of the process. The current schedule calls for the Council to consider the EIR, Precise Plan and possibly a specific development project in early 2006. The zoning on the site would not be changed until that time.

For more information, contact the City's Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

El Camino Hospital Building Plans Move Forward

Plans by El Camino Hospital to build a new 300-bed hospital building, new medical office building and new dialysis center, plus a new parking garage, on its current site on Grant Road moved ahead this fall. Plans call for the existing main hospital tower and Oak Pavilion to be demolished to accommodate the new buildings.

On September 22, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) reviewed and recommended approval of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact and the proposed amendments to the El Camino Medical Park Precise Plan that would allow the project to proceed.

The City anticipates receiving a formal application for the hospital's planned community permit before the end of the calendar year, moving the project another step forward.

It is expected that the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, amendments to the Precise Plan and Development Review approval for the project will be reviewed by the City Council in January or February 2005.

For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

Highway 101 Improvements Update

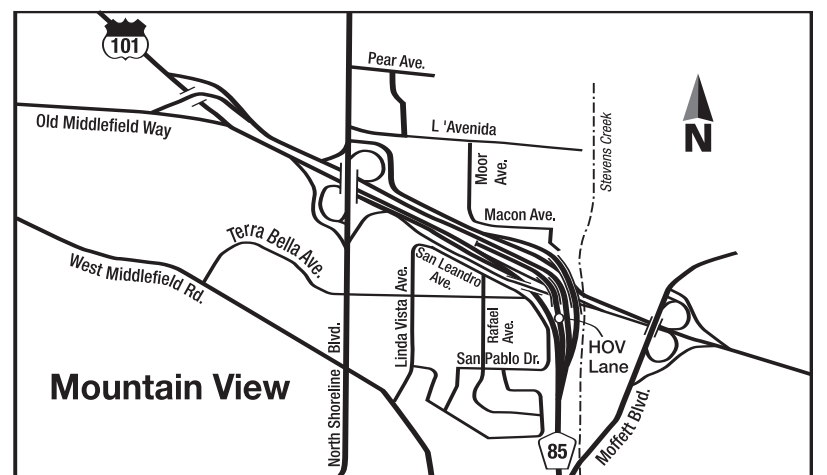
Work on the \$142-million project by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Caltrans to make improvements to four major interchanges along Highway 101 in Mountain View remains on schedule. Completion of the project is slated for early 2006.

Changes are being made to interchanges at Moffett Boulevard, Old Middlefield Way, Shoreline Boulevard and Route 85. Construction of the Moffett Boulevard interchange is complete, as is construction on the first ramp from northbound Route 85.

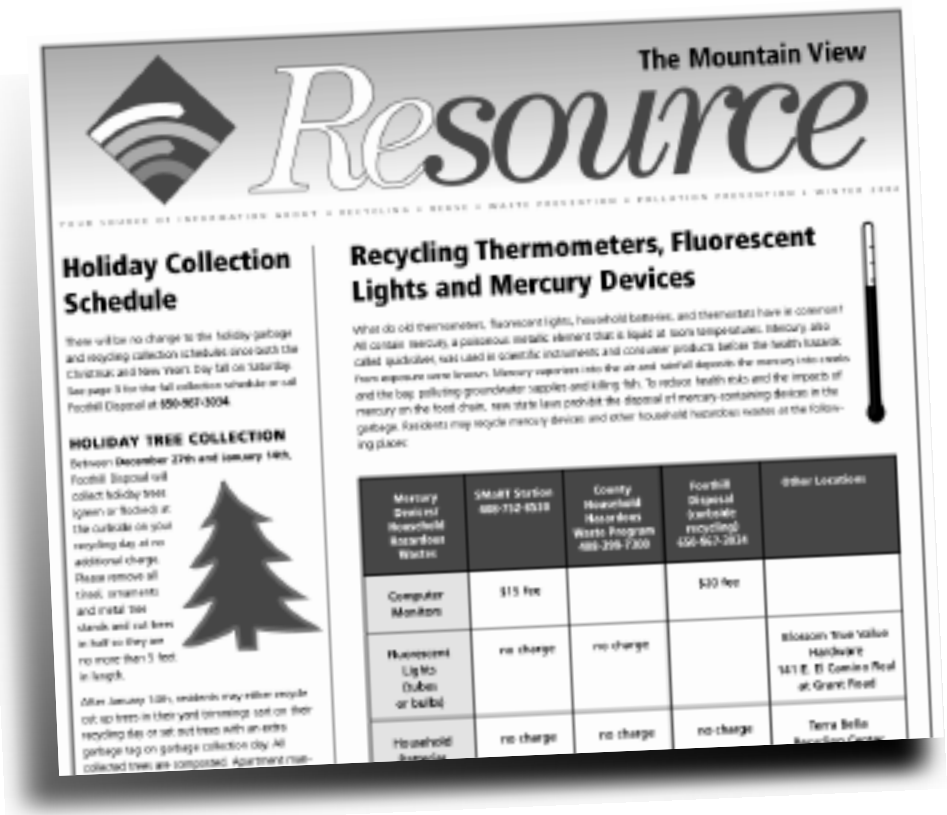
Currently, work is underway on the following:

- The ramp from northbound Route 85 to Highway 101 has been demolished and traffic has been temporarily switched to a new ramp, which will become the ramp from northbound Route 85 to Shoreline Boulevard.
- A new ramp from northbound Route 85 mixed flow lanes to Highway 101 mixed flow lanes is under construction.
- The Old Middlefield Way overpass has been demolished and a detour has been established. Construction on a new overpass has begun and Highway 101 has been widened at Old Middlefield Way.
- Construction of a southbound Highway 101 braided ramp from southbound Shoreline Boulevard to southbound Route 85 is under construction.
- Highway 101 over Stevens Creek Trail has been widened and the Trail has been renovated in the construction area.

The City is working with the VTA to help mitigate the impacts of the construction on motorists and residents. Construction information and updates are available to residents and commuters through radio announcements, notices to affected businesses and property owners, roadway signs, and information on the VTA's web site at www.vta.org. Information is also available by calling the City of Mountain View Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



How to Recycle Products with Mercury



You can help our environment by recycling products in your home or office that contain mercury, such as thermometers and fluorescent light bulbs. To find out more about products that contain mercury and how to dispose of them properly, read the latest issue of *The Resource*, the City’s recycling newsletter, found inside this issue of *The View*.

Hetch Hetchy Trail Open

The City’s newest bicycle/pedestrian trail, the Hetch Hetchy Trail, opened on October 28. The half-mile trail runs along the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way between North Whisman Road and Whisman Park, at Easy Street. The trail will serve as a connection between the Stevens Creek Trail and the Middlefield Light Rail Station. The project was funded from transit-oriented development (TOD) fees collected as a condition of approval for the Veritas corporate campus on Ellis Street.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

Youth Programs a Priority

Providing a comprehensive and coordinated framework for the delivery of youth-related programs, services and facilities is a top priority for the City. The City conducted two events recently that demonstrate its ongoing commitment to the youth of our community.

Lights on After-School! Celebrates Local After-School Programs

In October, the City of Mountain View participated in the national Lights On After-School! event to emphasize the importance of and the City’s commitment to providing a wide variety of quality after-school programs to Mountain View’s youth. Events were held at both the Crittenden and Graham Middle Schools to highlight some of the most popular after-school programs being offered in the community, including:

- **‘Tween Time** – An after-school activities program funded by the City and the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health.
- **LEAP** – A leadership program facilitated by the Challenge Learning Center.
- **Ysports** – An intramural sports program facilitated by the El Camino YMCA.
- **Super Stars** – A conflict resolution club facilitated by the Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC).
- **Tech Corps** – A computer technology training program.
- **Late Bus** – A shuttle bus providing transportation to a variety of neighborhoods throughout Mountain View for after-school program participants.

9th Annual Mayor’s Youth Conference

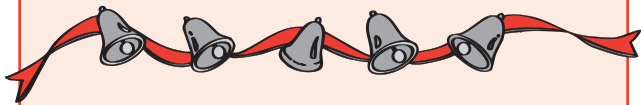
In November, more than 150 local teens attended this year’s Annual Mayor’s Youth Conference at the Mountain View Civic Center. Administrators from 10 area middle and high schools selected student delegates to represent their schools. This year’s conference focused on ways in which youth can become civically engaged, giving students tools to write letters, make public presentations and plan civic events. Many of the delegates will follow up the conference by participating in the second annual Mayor’s Challenge, a competition to create and implement a civic activity.

For more information about these and other youth services, please contact the City’s Youth Resources Manager at (650) 903-6301.



Cops that Care

Donate new, unwrapped toys to the Mountain View Police Department’s Cops that Care program. Gift cards and cash will also be accepted. Donations will be accepted December 18-23 at 1000 Villa Street. For more information, contact Officer Ron Cooper at (650) 903-6344.



Holiday Events at the Center for the Performing Arts

Celebrate the holidays during December with theater, music and dance at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets and information call (650) 903-6000 or visit mvcpa.com.

December 1-5: Smuin Ballet presents **The Christmas Ballet**, 2004 Edition

December 10-12: Western Ballet presents **The Nutcracker**

December 13: Schola Cantorum presents **Messiah Sing**

December 17 & 18: Peninsula Youth Theater presents Stories On Stage: **Merry Christmas, Strega Nona**

December 17 & 18: Silicon Valley Gay Men’s Chorus presents **Home for the Holidays**

December 19: Ad Parnassum Performing Arts presents **Evening of Concertos**

Check It Out at the Library — Faster

Starting in January 2005, Mountain View Public Library customers will be able to pick up “on hold” and “on reserve” items faster. Customers will be able to pick up the materials from a specially designated shelf without having to stand in line. Customers can then continue their speedy checkout by using one of the Library’s three new self-checkout stations to complete their transaction.

Because the Library processes nearly 7,000 reserve items each month, the new system is expected to make the check out process much easier and faster. Two of the Library’s three self-checkout stations are located in the Library lobby, the other station is located in the Children’s Room.

Materials that have been ordered from other libraries will still be kept at the circulation desk for pick up.

For more information, call the Mountain View Public Library at (650) 903-6336.




Council Adopts Voluntary Historic Preservation Ordinance

On October 12, the City Council adopted a new voluntary Historic Preservation Ordinance that enables residents of designated properties in Mountain View to be part of the Register of Historic Properties, entitling them to zoning and financial benefits. At present, 93 properties within the city have been listed on the Historic Register. Because the new ordinance is voluntary, all affected property owners have been notified of the historic designation of their properties and may request their properties be removed from the list by contacting the Community Development Department Director by April 12, 2005.

To encourage owners to participate in the Historic Register, the Council approved a number of incentives, including exemption from strict adherence to zoning and building regulations, as well as financial benefits in the form of property tax reductions and rebates, which are yet to be determined.

The owners of properties that remain on the Register will be required to apply for Historic Preservation Permits if they plan to alter their buildings in a way that could impact historic features.

The City Council also revised the zoning process that residents can use to protect the historic character of their neighborhoods. Neighborhoods can apply for special overlay Neighborhood Design zoning that specifies which neighborhood characteristics should be preserved and protected.

For more information about the new Historic Preservation Ordinance and zoning regulations, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. 

Police and Fire Headquarters Named for Robert Schatz

On November 1, the Police Services-Fire Administration Building at 1000 Villa Street was renamed the Robert K. Schatz Police Services and Fire Administration Building in honor of Mountain View’s former Mayor and Police Chief.

Schatz spent 34 years with the Mountain View Police Department, including 13 years as its Chief. After his retirement from the police force, Schatz continued his service to the community by serving more than eleven years on the Mountain View City Council.

During his time on the City Council, Schatz served two terms as Vice Mayor and two terms as Mayor. Schatz died in 1997. 

Flood Protection Information

As the winter rainy season approaches, the City of Mountain View cautions residents and businesses to be aware of flood hazards and suggests possible actions that may be taken to protect persons and property.

Twelve percent of the city is located within special flood hazard areas. Flooding in these areas is caused by tidal flooding from the Bay and flooding from Permanente Creek. Although most properties located within special flood hazard areas were unaffected by recent storms, it is prudent to be prepared in the event of a more severe storm.

Flood Safety. There are several actions residents of flood hazard areas can take to decrease the potential of injury due to flooding.

- Do not walk through flowing waters.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Don’t drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Have your electricity turned off by the power company. Don’t use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Look before you step. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don’t smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas have been turned off and the area has been ventilated.


Flood Insurance. Standard homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, the City of Mountain View is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it possible for property owners to obtain Federally backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building or its contents). Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss. The City also participates in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Based on activities implemented by the City to reduce risk from flooding, and which exceed the minimum standards of the National Flood Insurance Program, the community qualifies for a 10 percent discount for National Flood Insurance policies issued or renewed. The actual cost of insurance will vary depending upon the amount of coverage and degree of flood hazard. This insurance is required in certain instances, such as the purchase of a home with a Federally backed



mortgage. Individuals should contact their insurance companies for flood insurance costs.

Property Protection Measures. There are various actions that can be taken to flood proof structures. Electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers should be elevated or relocated to a location less likely to be flooded. Basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed, and interior flood walls can be placed around utilities. If flooding is likely, and time permits, move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. This action will help minimize the amount of damage caused by flood waters.

Flood Map Information. The City will provide the public, lending institutions, real estate agents and insurance agents with the flood map information indicated below upon request. Call (650) 903-6311 during normal business hours or visit the Public Works Department at City Hall for the following information:


- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area
- Additional flood insurance data for a site such as the Flood Insurance Rate Map zone, base flood elevation or depth
- A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirements. 

Police Provide Access to Megan’s Law Information

Members of the public can view an electronic database that lists approximately 65,000 registered sex offenders in California. The database is available for viewing at the Mountain View Police Department at 1000 Villa Street. To view the database, you must be at least 18 years old, live or work in Mountain View and make an appointment.

The database may be searched by an individual’s name, county or zip code. Listings include a photograph of each offender as well as a list of crimes they have been convicted of.


In addition to providing citizens with the resources to inquire about registered sex offenders, Megan’s Law also provides law enforcement agencies with the authority to notify the public, in certain circumstances, if a community or segments of the community could be at risk.

Appointment hours to view the database are limited. To request an appointment, call the Department’s Megan’s Law scheduling hotline at (650) 903-6161 ext. 1413, or e-mail the Department at megan’slaw@ci.mtnview.ca.us 

Emporium Site Update

As this issue of *The View* was going to print, the City Council was scheduled to consider at its November 23 meeting the possible development of a 250,000 sq. ft. medical facility on the former Emporium site at 710 El Camino Real East. The project is being proposed by the Palo Alto Medical Foundation/Camino Medical Group, which is requesting amendments to the General Plan Land Use Map and the Americana Precise Plan, as well as approval of several permits, in order to allow the project to go forward.

If approved, the project would include office and exam rooms, an urgent care center, laboratory and radiology services, an outpatient surgery center, pharmacy, administrative offices and conference facilities. A parking garage with more than 1,100 parking spaces is also proposed.

For more information on the project and the latest action taken by the City Council, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. 

City Enters into Innovative Energy Partnership with ALZA

The City of Mountain View and ALZA Corporation, a local company, have entered into an innovative partnership to convert landfill methane gas from a closed City landfill into energy. The partnership is in keeping with the City’s ongoing efforts to develop alternative and clean power sources for its and the community’s long-term benefit.

The landfill gas co-generation project, which will be funded by ALZA, will establish a biogas pipeline from a closed City landfill to nearby company facilities in the City’s North Bayshore Area. The co-generation system at ALZA will supply electricity and hot water and is expected to provide enough energy to meet most of the power needs of ALZA’s six largest facilities in Mountain View, or the equivalent of 2,400 homes. The generators are anticipated to be in operation by 2007.

At the same time, the project will help to reduce production of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, by more than 22 million pounds per year or roughly the equivalent of taking 1,900 cars off the road.

The City has been exploring the possibility of converting the gas created by its landfill to a beneficial use for the past several years. Currently, the City is installing two microturbines to use landfill methane gas to provide power to some City facilities in the Shoreline Park area.

For more information, call the Public Works Department’s Business and Internal Services Division at (650) 903-6329. 


Efficiency Studios Construction Begins

San Antonio Place, the efficiency studios housing project planned for the San Antonio loop area, celebrated its official ground breaking in September. The 120-unit project is designed to provide low-cost housing for low-income residents and seniors on fixed incomes, and is located next to the Community School of Music and Art at 210 San Antonio Circle.

Funding for the project came from a combination of State funds and Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME program funds the City allocated to the project

Each of the efficiency studio units will be affordable to low-wage workers, seniors on fixed incomes, and other residents who earn between 15 to 45 percent of the County annual median income. The studio apartments will be approximately 300 sq. ft. and augmented by common facilities such as a community room and library/computer room.

Charities Housing, the non-profit developer of San Antonio Place, is establishing a list of interested renters and will notify those on the list when applications are available. Persons who have lived in Mountain View for at least six months or who have worked in the City for at least one year will be given preference in renting units. To be placed on the interest list, call Charities Housing at (408) 282-1133 and leave your name, address, and telephone number.

To follow the progress of the efficiency studios housing project, log on to the Charities Housing website at www.charitieshousing.org. 

Plant a Tree for Arbor Day



The City of Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 12, 2005 in Pioneer Park with a variety of events, including a tree planting. The City also plans to make approximately 125 trees available to individual residents this year for planting on their property.

The planting event is part of the City’s forestry restoration efforts and the celebration of the State of California’s Arbor Day.

Residents who wish to participate in the tree planting should fill out and submit the request form included in this issue of *The View* by 5:00 pm on January 21, 2005, and agree to plant and maintain the tree on their property. If the number of requests for trees exceeds the number of trees available, names will be drawn at random. The City will deliver the tree of choice to eligible residents during the week of March 7, 2005.

Residents may choose from five varieties of trees.

- The **Red Maple** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, steady watering and will grow to 50 feet with leaves that range from yellow to red in the fall.
- The **Krauter Plum** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, grows to 20 feet and blooms with light pink flowers.
- The **Brisbane Box** is an evergreen tree with inconspicuous flowers that can tolerate some shade, has low watering requirements and grows up to 60 feet high.
- The **Coast Live Oak** is an evergreen that requires full sun, little watering, grows to 50 feet and is a California native.
- The **Chinese Pistache** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, and grows to 60 feet with leaves that turn red, yellow and orange in the fall.

For more information about Arbor Day activities, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. 

APPLICATION FOR ARBOR DAY 2005 TREES

NAME

ADDRESS

DAYTIME PHONE

TREE PLANTING ADDRESS

TYPE OF TREE REQUESTED (REFER TO LIST AT LEFT)

PLANTING LOCATION OF ARBOR DAY TREE (examples: southwest corner of backyard, center of front lawn, backyard garden):

The undersigned agrees to: (1) accept the tree requested above, (2) plant the tree as indicated on application, (3) maintain the tree at own expense (tree planting/care information will be supplied).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY MAIL BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2005.

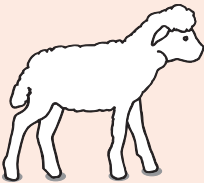
Send to:
City of Mountain View, Forestry Division
P.O. Box 7540
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Office Use Only. Date Received:

The Volunteer Services Program is committed to citizen participation by matching people with volunteer opportunities that enhance City services. Check out some of the current and upcoming opportunities that are available! For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Deer Hollow Farm—School Docents—Teach small groups of school children (K-4) about the working farm, garden, and surrounding wilderness area. Curriculum includes information about animals, plants and the Ohlone Indian way of life and customs. Docents are needed Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings and must make a 2-4 hour commitment. Call (650) 903-6430 or e-mail dhfarms@ci.mtnview.ca.us for more information.



Deer Hollow—Animal Care Volunteers—Feed, clean and care for livestock Monday and Wednesday mornings (8:00 am) and afternoons (3:00 pm) and Thursday afternoons (3:00 pm). 1-2 hour commitment required. Call (650) 903-6430 or e-mail dhfarms@ci.mtnview.ca.us for more information.

Deer Hollow—Weekend Docents—Educate visitors about farm animals and programs. Docents are needed Sundays from 10:00 am-1:00 pm or 12:00 pm-3:00 pm. No experience is necessary, training is provided. Call (650) 903-6430 or e-mail dhfarms@ci.mtnview.ca.us for more information.

Police Department—Crime Analysis Assistant—Volunteers are needed for data entry and clerical duties, and will receive training in crime analysis tasks. Volunteers must commit to a minimum of 4 hours per week. Day and evening hours are available. For more information, contact Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or email pdvolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Police Department—HAPP Team—The Mountain View Police Department’s Handicapped Area Parking Patrol (HAPP) team needs volunteers. Volunteers educate the public about handicapped parking regulations and help enforce the regulations. Men, women, couples and singles at least 18 years old are encouraged to apply. All volunteers must complete a training program. For more information, contact Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or email pdvolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Police Department—Home Security Inspection—Volunteers will be specially trained in home security and provide inspections at residences in Mountain View. For more information about this program, contact Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or email pdvolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Senior Center—Line Dance Instructor—A volunteer is needed to teach line dancing steps every Friday from 1:00 pm–2:00 pm. For more information, contact John Marchant at (650) 903-6442.

Senior Center—Blood Pressure Nurses—Registered Nurses are needed to provide free blood pressure checks to seniors on the third Friday of each month from 9:30 am–10:30 am. For more information, contact John Marchant at (650) 903-6330.

Fire Department—Volunteers are needed to assist with coordinating and conducting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings for the community. Volunteers are also needed to assist with creating new display boards and organizing public education materials. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

Center for Performing Arts—Art Docents—Volunteers are needed for the art display in the lobby of the Center during public viewing hours. Volunteers may work one to four shifts per month. Shifts are from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Application process will include interview and background check. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or Jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Center for Performing Arts—Office Assistant—Help is needed in the Center office 10 hours a week. Skills required are word processing, spreadsheet manipulation, data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible, but regular. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or Jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Library—Student Assistants—Students will assist with preparing program materials, shelving books, magazines, videos, CDs, cassettes and books on tape. Students will also help with the on-line catalog and other projects. Minimum age is 13. Applications and an interview are required. For more information, call Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or email Maynard.martinez@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Shoreline at Mountain View—Gatehouse and Patrol Rangers—Volunteer Rangers are needed to greet visitors and provide visitor information for Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park and Stevens Creek Trail. All volunteers are provided with training and a uniform. Volunteers must be age 18 or older and be willing to work at least three hours each week. For more information, call (650) 903-6392.

Shoreline—Rengstorff House Education and Garden Docents—Volunteers are needed to greet visitors and provide tours and visitor information about the historic Rengstorff House in three-hour shifts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Rengstorff House garden, planting and maintaining flowers and making floral arrangements. Training is provided for all docents. For more information, call (650) 903-6392.

Various Departments—Office Assistants—Volunteers are needed in various departments for clerical skills, including data entry, copying, collating, mailings, filing, and phones. Good communication and organizational skills are required. Days and hours are flexible. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

Upcoming Opportunities

Spring Downtown Parade—Special Event—Volunteers are needed to help at the 27th Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 30. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths and to work as block monitors. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

Center for Performing Arts—Ushers—Volunteer ushers are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, April 11 and Monday, April 18 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or Jennifer@mvcpa.com

For more information about volunteering, call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CITYGRAM

QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS? CONCERNS? KUDOS?

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you’d like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager’s Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department. Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager’s Office, Post Office Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime phone (____) _____

I would like a reply: ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ no reply necessary

For City Staff use:

City Department Telephone Directory

POLICE/FIRE EMERGENCIES	911
City Attorney's Office	903-6303
City Clerk's Office	903-6304
City Manager's Office	903-6301
Community Outreach Program	903-6145
Community Development Department	903-6306
Building Division	903-6313
Current/Advance Planning	903-6306
Economic Development	903-6306
Neighborhood Preservation	903-6379
Community Services Department	903-6331
Forestry and Roadway Landscape	903-6273
Parks and Open Space	903-6326
Center for the Performing Arts	903-6565
Recreation	903-6331
Shoreline	903-6392
Shoreline Golf Links	903-6178
Employee Services Department	903-6309
Finance and Administrative Services Department	903-6316
Administrative Services	903-6324
Finance	903-6316
Fire Department	903-6365
Library Services Department	903-6335
Police Department	903-6350
Public Works Department	903-6311

Calendar of events



December

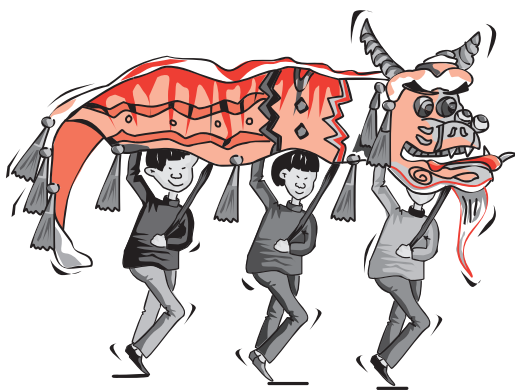
- 1 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 6 Annual Community Tree Lighting**, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Civic Center Plaza
- 7 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 8 Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 10 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 15 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 24 Christmas Holiday**. City offices closed.
Many City offices closed through January 2 (see article at right).



January

- 1 New Year's Holiday**. City offices closed (see below).
- 4 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
Swearing-in of new members
- 5 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 6 Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 7 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 8 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 12 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 15 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**.
City offices closed.
- 19 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 21 Deadline for Arbor Day Tree Applications**. (See story on page 5)
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 22 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**.
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 24 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 25 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 26 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR



February

- 2 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 8 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 9 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- 11 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**.
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 12 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**.
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 19 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale**.
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 21 Presidents' Day Holiday**.
City offices closed.
- 22 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 23 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 25 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**.
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 26 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**.
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 28 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street

CC - Council Chambers, City Hall
PCR - Plaza Conference Room, City Hall
ACR - Atrium Conference Room, City Hall

All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

Holiday Schedule for City Offices

Many City offices and facilities will be operating under modified schedules or closed for the upcoming December holidays. Essential City services, including emergency Police and Fire services and dispatch services, will remain fully operational during the holidays.

The following City offices and facilities will be closed December 24 through January 2:

City Hall offices

- Police and Fire administrative offices
- Parks and Forestry administrative offices
- Center for the Performing Arts administrative offices
- Community Center
- Municipal Operations Center administrative offices
- Mountain View Sports Pavilion
- Whisman Sports Center
- Teen Center
- Rengstorff House

Other City offices and facilities will operate under modified schedules.

Building and fire inspection services will continue to be provided December 27 through December 30. Inspections can be scheduled by calling (650) 903-6313 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Next day inspections will be available for requests received by 3:00 pm. The City's E-Permit Internet-based permitting and inspection scheduling service will also be available during the holidays at <http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/citydepts/cd/bi/bi.htm>. For additional information, contact the Building Division at (650) 903-6313 prior to December 24.

The **Senior Center** will be open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on December 27, 28 and 29. The Center will be closed on December 24, 30 and 31. Call the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330 for more information.


The **Teen Center** will be closed December 24, 25 and 31, as well as January 1.

Teen Open Gym will be closed December 25 and January 1.

Holiday programming for youth and teens (**Club Rec Holiday Style** December 27-29 and **Last Dance of 2004** on December 29) will take place at the Senior Center.

Eagle Pool will be closed on December 24 and 25 and January 1. On December 31, only the 10:30 am to 1:30 pm adult lap swim session will be held.

The **Mountain View Public Library** will be open for special holiday checkout hours and limited services from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm December 27 through December 30. The Library will be closed December 24-26, December 31 and January 1-2. Call (650) 903-6335 for more information.

If you have questions about the holiday schedule for a particular City department or division, contact it directly prior to December 24. A list of City department telephone numbers is provided on Page 6. 

To Contact City Councilmembers

Mountain View's Mayor and City Councilmembers are available to meet with residents.

During the 2004 calendar year, the Mayor will be available for appointments on Monday and Friday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6305 to schedule an appointment with the Mayor or a Councilmember. 

